

# **MEXICO**









# INTRODUCTION

The site of several advanced Amerindian civilizations - including the Olmec, Toltec, Teotihuacan, Zapotec, Maya, and Aztec - Mexico was conquered and colonized by Spain in the early 16th century. Administered as the Viceroyalty of New Spain for three centuries, it achieved independence early in the 19th century.

### **GOVERNMENT**

#### **Chief of State**

President Andres Manuel LOPEZ OBRADOR

#### **Head of Government**

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# **Government Type**

federal presidential republic

# Capital

Mexico City

#### Legislature

bicameral National Congress or Congreso de la Union consists of the Senate or Camara de Senadores (128 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Camara de Diputados (500 seats)

#### **GEOGRAPHY**

#### Area

Total: 1,964,375 sq km Land: 1,943,945 sq km Water: 20,430 sq km

#### Climate

varies from tropical to desert

#### **Natural Resources**

petroleum, silver, copper, gold, lead, zinc, natural gas, timber

# **ECONOMY**

# **Economic Overview**

one of the world's largest economies; USMCA buttresses its manufacturing sector; has underperformed growth targets for three decades; COVID-19 disrupted export-based economy; corruption and cartel-based violence undermine economic stability

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$2.306 trillion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$17,900 (2020 est.)
Industries – food and beverages, tobacco, chemicals, iron and

steel, petroleum, mining, textiles, clothing, motor vehicles, consumer durables, tourism

**Agricultural products -** sugarcane, maize, milk, oranges, sorghum, tomatoes, poultry, wheat, green chilies/peppers, eggs

**Exports** \$434.9 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, computers, delivery trucks, crude petroleum, insulated wiring (2019)

partners: US 75% (2019) Imports \$410.7 billion (2020 est.)

integrated circuits, refined petroleum, cars/vehicle parts, office

machinery/parts, telephones (2019) partners: US 54%, China 14% (2019)

# **PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

# **Population**

130.2 million (2021 est.)

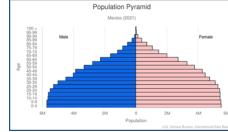
# Population Growth

1.04% (2021 est.)

# **Ethnicity**

mestizo (Amerindian-Spanish) 62%,

predominantly Amerindian 21%, Amerindian 7%, other 10% (mostly European) (2012 est.)



# Language

Spanish only 93.8%, Spanish and indigenous languages 5.4%, indigenous only 0.6%, unspecified 0.2%; note - indigenous languages include various Mayan, Nahuatl, and other regional languages (2020 est.)

# Religion

Roman Catholic 78%, Protestant/evangelical Christian 11.2%, other 0.002%, unaffiliated (includes atheism) 10.6% (2020 est.)